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SUBJECT: OKW Ag WVV/Pu/Ost (Documents)
SCOURCE : (Lt. Self) Ulrich WIRTH

I. INTRODUCTION:

1. The informant, Ulrich WIRTH was contacted through a friend of ROBOT, a Mr. SCHMIDT-POLLUX of Schliersee/Bavaria.

2. Ulrich WIRTH was born 7 Oct 1918 at Altenburg/Thuringia. At the time of his draft into the Wehrmacht in 1940 he has another two semesters left to complete his course at the Berlin University (Newspaper course). - WIRTH served two years with the Wehrmacht before the war (1.11.1937 - 1.7.1939). On 1.1.1940 he was re-inducted into the Army. On 1.6.1942 he was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. of the Infantry, but shortly after this (1.9.1942) he was placed on a DS with the OKW Ag WVV/Pu where he remained to the end of the war (this DS accounts for the fact that he never received any other promotion). - On 1.6.1945 WIRTH was discharged from an American PW camp at Kied/Austria (XI Corps of the 3rd US Army). He has since resided on a farm some 12 km S of Landau/Bavaria. His wife is presently employed as an interpreter by the Landau MG.

WIRTH is anxious to be of service to us; he has at the request of the undersigned made a special trip of over 2000 km to recover his notes and other papers on the WVV library which he had used in his work as a Referent Ost of OKW Ag WVV/Pu.

II. Organization of OKW WVV:

OKW WVV (Gen. VELLOREBEL)

OKW Ag WVV (Gen. THIELS)

OKW Ag WVV/KPA

OKD Ag WVV/ODN

OKW Ag WVV/Chi (Oberst KETTLER, Maj. METZICH, Ministerialrat) (See
OKD Ag WVV/Chi)

OKW Ag WVV/Pu (Oberst ROSENBLAUM)

OKW Ag WVV/Pu/West (Maj. v. WEDDE)

OKW Ag WVV/Pu/SUB OSA (Olt. SCHLICHTE) (See
OKD Ag WVV/Pu/Ost (Lt. WIRTH)

OKW Ag WVV/Pu/Ost (Referent Ost of the German W/T Intercept
Service)

Ag. Anteigruppe: WVV-Wehrmacht Nachrichten Verbindung;
OKD Ag Kriegs Formulare Ant; SSU- General Bevollmächtigte für
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III. OKW AG WVV/Pu/Ost

1. OKW AG WVV/Pu/Ost was only a small detachment consisting of between 15 and 20 men; with the only exception of its Leader, Lt. WIRTH, all other personnel of the detachment were specialists: coders, cipher experts, secretaries, linguists. - The detachment itself was located in Berlin; it was a B; for incoming reports from other "field" units not subordinated to the OKW AG WVV/Pu/Det. Objets of the detachment's work was: to evaluate information sent in by the Funkmessstellen of the Orpo (interrogation reports on captured Soviet agents) and by the Intercept Field Stations (messages). The Intercept Field Stations were under control of OK Ag WVV/Pu (under Oberst ROSEKRANZ) and in no way responsible to OKW Ag WVV/Pu/Ost.

2. The OKW Ag WVV/Pu/Ost Detachment was divided into 4 sections:
Section 1 - "Fallauswertung" (evaluation of W/T agent cases)
Section 2 - "Funkverkehrsauswertung" (evaluation of W/T Traffic reports)
Section 3 - "Peilauswertung" (evaluation of Direction Finding reports)
Section 4 - "Bearbeitung der Funksprüche" (Deciphering and evaluation of W/T messages)

"Fallauswertung" was done by Lt. WIRTH;
"Funkverkehrsauswertung" and "Peilauswertung" was done by Obfw. GRUB;
"Bearbeitung der Funksprüche" was done by Uffs. MEHNERT.

3. Obfw. GRUB was, therefore, the ciphering expert. He has expressed a desire (to Lt. WIRTH) that he would volunteer to be interrogated on his cipher knowledge by some competent American officer; he is also very much interested in the work which he was doing for the detachment, and would enjoy nothing better than offer of a new job by the Americans or the British where he could use his knowledge of ciphers.
(His present address: Beilstein, Bill-Kreis, Westerwald).

4. Uffs. MEHNERT is also a good experienced cipher man.
POSSIBLY EMPLOYED BY THE BRITISH P.T. UNIT
5. In addition to GRUB and MEHNERT there were other 8 men working for Lt. WIRTH. They are reported to have been contacted (with exception of GRUB) by the British and are being employed by them.

IV. The W/T Radio Intercept Units

1. The W/T people who did the actual intercept service numbered about 350 men; they were organised into 472 companies:
(a) Funk Überwachung Abteilung 1 (Head) under Hptm. FRITZ, composed of 12 companies: Fu.Überw. Kompanie 616 and Fu.Überw. Halbkompanie 615.
(b) Funk Überwachung Abteilung 2 (Head) under Hptm. RAUH, composed of 2 companies: Fu.Überw. Kompanie 2.b.V. 1 and Fu.Überw. Kompanie 2.b.V. 2 (one of these was headed by a O'LEARY).
(c) Funküberwachung Kompanie 612 (Head) under Obit. OTTER.

2. Fu.Überw. 612 was in charge of W/T interceptors on the Eastern Front. It is reported that the British have managed to transport the whole company, including Obit. OTTER and his men to England and are using them in their old capacity.

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1. WIRTH'S detachment was formerly part of Abw III. Before 1945, OSA AG IV was known as Abw III/K and was headed by Lt. COL. SCHOLZER; OSA AG IV/Pu was then referred to as Abw III/K, Director I (Itz), and was headed by (Maj) GERHARDT.

VI. DOCUMENTS RECOVERED FROM ULRICH WIRTH:

These "documents" were personal notes and reference booklets of Ulrich WIRTH. At the dissolution of WIRTH's Detachment WIRTH has hidden them with some farmer. WIRTH has demonstrated his wholehearted cooperation with the American authorities by immediately suggesting to recover these papers, which he did on 10 Feb 48. These "documents" consist of the following:

Book I - "Organization of the Sov. Secret Service" (it was edited by Lt. ACQUAY of Leitst. III/Cst).

Book II - "History of the KIS" (this is a set of several reports made by the Leitst. III/Cst, Lt. WIRTH's own notes, and a German translation of Polish documents on the subject captured by the Germans).

Book III - "Personnel of the KIS's" (info originally compiled by Leitst. III/Cst and kept up to date by Lt. WIRTH of the OSA AG IV/Pu/Cst).

Book IV - "Names, Location, and Personnel of the KIS "Rehearsal" (this book is the one which was originally issued by Leitst. III/Cst and kept up to date by Lt. WIRTH).

Book V - "Soviet S/T Service" (This is an unfinished work of Lt. WIRTH).

Book VI - "Soviet Codes and Ciphers" (excerpts from Orpo's interrogation reports of Soviet S/T agents).

Book VII - "Handbook on Combat of KIS S/T Intelligence" (This is just one issue of reports compiled periodically by Lt. WIRTH).

Book VIII - "S/T Situation on the Eastern Front" (This consists of only 4 illustrative charts periodically issued by OSA AG IV/Pu/Cst; similar to charts issued by the Leitst. III/Cst, and already recovered in quantity from KALZ).

Book IX - "List of 20 August S/T agents" (This "book" consists of 18 separate interrogation reports, numbered I-XI through I-XI; these reports were compiled by either "Kommunikationsstellen" of the Orpo or by the Leitst. III/Cst.)

Book X - "Vital Statistics of some Russ. S/T agents" (only 20 men are here listed).

VII. WIRTH'S COMBINE OF PERSONNEL OF LEITST. III/CST:

1. ROMMELSGER

"Man with beautiful manners, very strong positive personality, and good organisational ability. Extremely correct in handling of PPs". He is not likely, though, to have much precise info on the KIS; "he was a Director of men and not a student".

2. MEYER (Rommelsger's adjutant)

"educated; wholly absorbed in literary work; well read; one of the best informed men on the KIS organisation".

3. ACQUAY

"considered by everyone who ever talked to him an expert on the KIS; he liked to talk a lot, a professorial type; his literary style was always very involved and obscure; his book ('Organization of the Sov. Secret Service') could be much more informative if it was cut down to half of its present size".

4/1945

"psychologist - good judge of a man's character; his estimate of an agent was always proven to be correct; but his knowledge of the KGB was always only sketchy".

5/1945

"a Research man, well-informed on the English situation and, possibly, the Polish intelligence service".

6/1945

When LACOCKY left the Leitstelle (end of 1944) SCHULGEM became LACOCKY's successor. SCHULGEM "was a man with an eye for details, very systematic; he religiously kept up to date list on the personnel of the KGB; he also intended to write a book". The greater part of SCHULGEM's list was recovered through FISCH and is listed in Book Nr. III.

7/1945

"now dead; according to his wife who lives in the French Zone of Austria her husband committed suicide". SCHUEMANN was "well-informed on the KGB, but he had a poor memory and was very nervous and excitable". "SCHUEMANN's boss in Berlin, O'DONAHUE (Refrigerant of KGB, Refugat Inseland), should know most of what SCHUEMANN knew".

8. "If I had to learn something about the KGB I'd take lessons from LACOCKY, who has a clear mind, clear thinking and he, above all the rest, had an opportunity at the Leitstelle to have a peek into all departments of the Leitstelle's work".

VIII-APPENDIX: Detailed description of contents of the recovered "documents". (This is done in a separate report).

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